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SUBJ: CCD: US-SOVIET CW CONSULTATIONS, FOURTH ROUND:
FOURTH SESSION

1. SUMMARY: AT FOURTH SESSION OF CURRENT ROUND OF US-SOVIET
CW CONSULTATIONS, SOVIETS MADE BRIEF GENERAL STATEMENT AND
ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. FOURTH SESSION OF FOURTH ROUND OF US-SOVIET CW CONSULT-
ATIONS WAS HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 12.

3. IN BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT SOVIET DEL HEAD (LIKHACHEV)
STRESSED THAT USSR HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN IN FAVOR OF COMPLETE
PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, BUT HAD AGREED AT 1974
SUMMIT MEETING TO LIMIT AGENTS COVERED SINCE SOME STATES
COULD NOT ACCEPT A TOTAL BAN. HE NOTED THAT BY PROPOSING
TO BAN INCAPACITANTS AS WELL AS "THE MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL
MEANS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE", THE US APPEARS TO WANT TO EXPAND
THE SCOPE OF THE JOINT INITIATIVE CONTEMPLATED IN 1974.
LIKHACHEV STATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS IN FAVOR OF
THE PROHIBITION OF INCAPACITATING CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS.
IN CONCLUDING, LIKHACHEV ASKED WHETHER THE US NOW WANTED
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TO EXPAND SCOPE TO INCLUDE INCAPACITANTS AND ALSO IN WHAT
FORM US PROPOSED TO INTRODUCE THE JOINT INITIATIVE INTO
THE CCD.

4. US DEL HEAD (FISHER) RESPONDED THAT THE US DESIRES A
COMPREHENSIVE TREATY, WHICH WOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO "THE
MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL MEANS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE."

REGARDING THE FORM OF THE JOINT INITIATIVE, FISHER STATED THAT THE US PROPOSAL IS THAT THE JOINT INITIATIVE BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORM OF KEY ELEMENTS RATHER THAN A FULL TREATY TEXT. THE LANGUAGE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS COULD BE AS DETAILED AS WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

5. SOVIET EXPERT (SOKOLSKIY) ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF US PROPOSAL TO APPLY LIMITATIONS TO PRECURSORS AND INCAPACITANTS AND WONDERED WHETHER NON-LETHAL AGENTS USED AS IRRITANTS (SUCH AS ADAMSITE) SHOULD NOT ALSO BE COVERED. SOKOLSKIY STATED THAT ONLY ONE TOXICITY THRESHOLD APPEARED TO BE NECESSARY (TO SEPARATE POTENTIAL LETHAL AGENTS FROM CHEMICALS WITH LITTLE POTENTIAL AS LETHAL AGENTS) AND ASKED WHY US PROPOSED THAT TWO TOXICITY THRESHOLD BE ADOPTED.

6. IN CONCLUSION, LIKHATCHEV INDICATED THAT SOVIET SIDE WAS PREPARING ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. HE SAID THAT THESE, OF COURSE, WERE JUST PRELIMINARY REACTIONS AND THAT US PROPOSALS WOULD BE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED IN MOSCOW.

7. NEXT (FIFTH) SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 14. US SIDE PLANS TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS PUT BY SOVIET EXPERT AT FOURTH SESSION.

8. COMMENT: ATMOSPHERE CONTINUES TO BE BUSINESSLIKE AND CORDIAL. SOVIET SIDE CLEARLY IN NO HURRY TO FINISH THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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ROUND. SEEMS LIKELY THAT ROUND WILL RUN THROUGH FIRDAY, JULY 15 AT LEAST. VANDEN HEUVEL

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